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IN THE CLAIMS:

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13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle door module comprising:
at least one support element having a service opening; and
at least one outer panel element to close said service opening, said at least one outer panel element having an edge zone; and, said support element having a service opening on an outer side which is closed off by said outer panel element, wherein
a spacing element having an adjustable dimension to fasten said outer panel element to said support element, and at least part of an said edge zone of the said outer panel element is provided with said a spacing element of adjustable dimension for fastening of said outer panel element to said support element.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element is made of a settable plastic.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 14, wherein said settable plastic is a heat-sensitive adhesive.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 15, wherein said heat sensitive adhesive is reversibly heat-sensitive.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element connects to said outer panel element with to said support element.

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18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~12~~13, wherein said ~~spacer spacing~~ element is movable in at least two directions.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~12~~, wherein ~~13~~, further including at least one elongated stiffening element is provided in said edge zone of said outer panel element.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~18~~19, wherein said ~~at least one elongated~~ stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~19~~20, wherein said ~~at least one elongated~~ stiffening element is continuously sealed along said support element.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~12~~13, wherein said support element and said outer panel element form a hollow chamber.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~15~~16, wherein said heat sensitive adhesive is heated to allow removal of said outer panel element from said support element.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~12~~13, further including an interior panel element.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~12~~13, wherein said support element contains at least one of a hinge and a closure element.

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26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~1213~~, wherein said support element is connected to at least one of a hinge and a closure element.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~1213~~, further including ~~at least one elongated~~ a stiffening element secured to ~~a~~ said outer panel element.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~2627~~, wherein said spacer-spacing element connects said outer panel element with ~~to said~~ at least one elongated stiffening element.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~1213~~, wherein said outer panel element is detachably joined to said support element.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim ~~1920~~, wherein said at least one elongated stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element by at least one bolt.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of assembling a vehicle door comprising the steps of:

~~providing a heat sensitive spacing element of adjustable dimension for fastening of an~~
outer panel element to a support element with a heat sensitive spacing element of adjustable
dimension; and

heating said spacing element to secure said outer panel to said spacing element and said spacing element to said support element.

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32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as recited in claim 31, further including the step of re-heating said spacing element to remove said outer panel from said spacing element.
